2. The criteria for judging the States/UTs. performance and their eligibility for the award will be the same as for the States having population of one crore and above.

fGrouping of States/UTs. for cash awards, 1984-85 (on the basis of C.P.R. as (on 1-4-1984).

Group A : Maharashtra, Punjab, Haryana, Gujarat & Kerala.

Group B : Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Karnataka & West Bengal.

Group C : Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Rajasthan, Bihar & Uttar Pradesh.

Group :D : Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Tripura, Manipur, Meghalaya, & Goa, Daman & Diu.

Group E : Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Pondicherry, Mizoram, Chandigarh Sikkim, A&N Islands, D & N Haveli & Lakshadweep.

Route rationalisation of the air services

1740. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 247 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th August, 1985 regarding route rationalisation of the air services and state·

(a) whether the Committee appointed to study and recommend route rationalisation of the services if the Air India, Indian Airlines and Vayudoot has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when the report is expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER)· (a) to (c) A Committee has been set up to examine the feasibility of a joint fleet and route rationalisation for augmenting efficiency and better utilisation of aircraft and equipment. By its very nature, this is a time consuming exercise. Action is being taken on the ideas thrown up by this Committee, in a phased manner. For example, Air India has already started carrying passengers on the domestic leg of its international services and Indian Airlines has started operating to Bangkok.

New aircraft for the Indian Airlines

1741. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) wheher Government have taken a decision with regard to the number of new aircraft to be purchased to increase the fleet strength of the Indian Airlines during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) No new aircraft is proposed to be purchased by Indian Airlines during the current financial year. Indian Airlines have, however, issued a Letter of Intent for the purchase of 31 Airbus A320 aircraft (19 on firm basis and 12 on option), delivery of which will be made in 1989-90.

Interest of West German firm in the Ship Building Industry

1742. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a West German firm has evinced keen

interest in the proposed ship building and ship repairing complex at Haldia;

(b) whether Government have considered the proposal;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) by when the clearance to the project is likely to be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) to (d) Representatives of M/s. Cautinho Caro Co. and M/s. Marplan, both of West Germany met officials of this Department in May, 1985 regarding joint venture shipyard project in India. During discussions, they were advised also to contact Calcutta Port Trust. On the basis of their discussions with Chairman, Calcutta Port Trust, they proposed to send a technical team for a full scale feasibility study regarding this project after discussions in their Company's Board. A team has recently visited and had preliminary discussions with West Bengal Government and Ministry of Transport (Department of Surface Transport), but no formal proposal has been received for consideration of the Government as yet.

Irregularities in the New Delhi TB Centre in LNJP Hospital

1743. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been complaints regarding financial mismanagement Irregularities in appointments of teaching cadre in the New Delhi Tuberculosis Centre in Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan Hospital and that some of the employees of the Centre have alleged misappropriation of donations collected;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have made any enquiry into the working of the TB Centre if so, what is the result thereof and what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) New Delhi TB Centre is run by the Tuberculosis Association of India which is a Voluntary Organisation Central assistance is sanctioned to them yearly for the running of this Centre. As informed by Tuberculosis Association of India there has never been any financial mismanagement or irregularity in the appointment of the staff, in this Centre. Association is not aware of any allegation having been made by Centre staff about misappropriation of donation received by the Centre. Under the circumstances, the question of conducting an enquiry into the matter does not arise.

Construction in the Jaisalmer Fort

1744. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HUMAN SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated the 20th November, 1985 under the caption "The lost glory of Jaisalmer Fort"; and

(b) whether any joint plan has been worked out by the Archaeological Survey of India and the State Government to prevent the unauthorised constructions in the Fort and to provide adequate funds both for carrying out repairs to the Fort and also for overall development of its surrounding areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCA-